

REMARKS

The specification is amended to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to a previously filed U.S. provisional patent application and to add the U.S. patent application serial number of a patent application referenced in the specification that was not available at the time the parent patent application was filed. A version of the substitute paragraph showing the changes made is provided on the following page.

Fig. 4B is amended to add an inadvertently omitted reference numeral and Fig. 8B is amended to add the subheading. The proposed amendments are consistent with the Written Description, paragraph [0079] and [00117], respectively, of the as-filed specification. The undersigned believes these amendments do not add new matter.

Claims 1-32, which are being pursued in the parent application, serial number 09/915,184, are cancelled.

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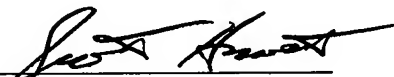
Version of the Replacement Paragraph Showing the Changes Made

[001] This application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/915,184 entitled TRACKING ERROR REDUCTION AND METHOD OF REDUCING TRACKING ERROR by Wolak et al., filed July 24, 2001, the disclosure of which is incorporated for all purposes. This application also [This invention] claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application, serial number 60/287,936 entitled TRACKING ERROR SUPPRESSION AND METHOD OF REDUCING TRACKING ERROR by Edmund Wolak, Tae Jin Kim, and Harrison Ransom, filed April 30, 2001[,]; and from U.S. Provisional Patent Application, serial number 60/291,949 entitled ADVANCED LENS SHAPES FOR FIBER COUPLED LASERS WITH REDUCED FEEDBACK by Edmund L. Wolak, Lei Xu, and Robert Lang, filed May 21, 2001; the [disclosure] disclosures of which [is] are hereby incorporated in [its] their entirety for all purposes. This application is being concurrently filed with U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [] 09/915,186, entitled LENSED OPTICAL FIBER by Edmund L. Wolak, Li Xu, Robert Lang and Tae J. Kim (Attorney Docket No. P1345), the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated for all purposes.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 707-591-0789.

Respectfully submitted,

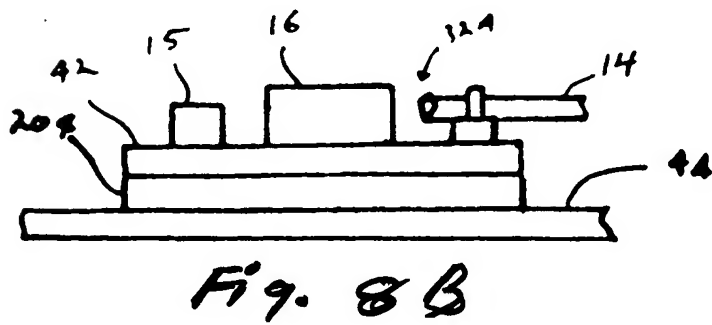
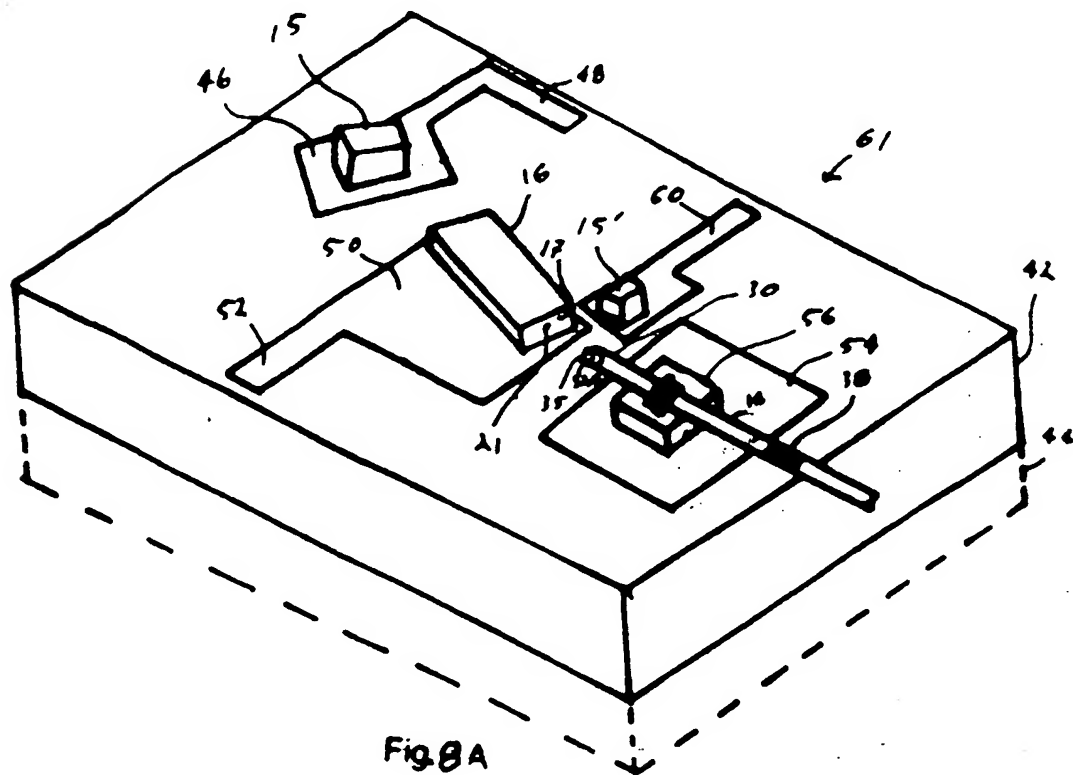
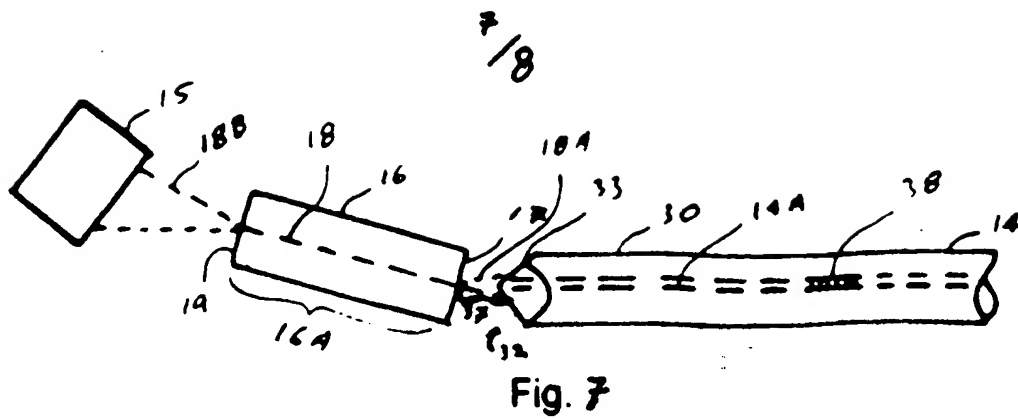


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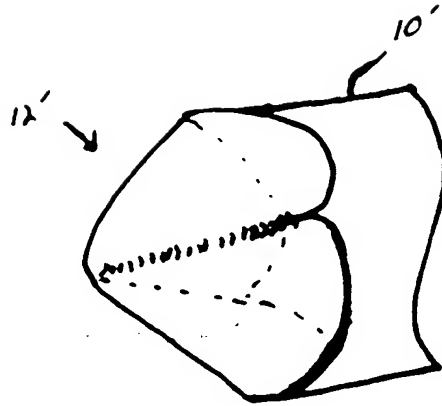


Fig. 4A

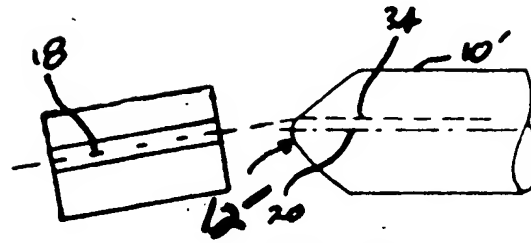


Fig. 4B

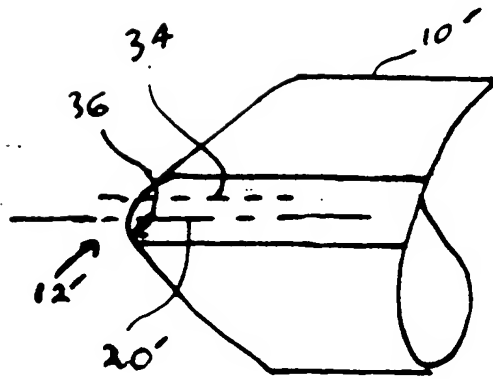


Fig. 4C

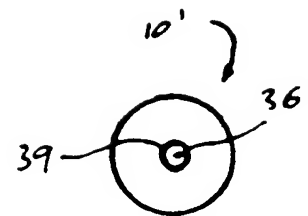


Fig. 4D

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